

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1005

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to honor Susan Ritter on being named State Executive Officer of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a Tennessean who has helped build stronger communities and solid foundations for families by enabling the American dream of home ownership; and

WHEREAS, Susan Ritter has served as the executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Tennessee (HBAT) since August 2000, in which position she has made, and continues to make, enormous contributions to the home building industry; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her skills and dedication, Susan Ritter has been named the State Executive Officer of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB); and

WHEREAS, responsible for the daily operations of an association with more than 2,500 members as the executive vice president of HBAT, Ms. Ritter possesses superb administrative skills and in-depth knowledge of the policy issues that concern home builders at both the State and national levels; and

WHEREAS, a master of multitasking, Ms. Ritter lobbies the General Assembly, guides the association's charitable endeavors, and serves as the face of the home building industry to the public and to policy makers; she is eloquent and persuasive in elucidating the importance of the housing industry and homeownership in improving Tennesseans' well-being, creating jobs, and enhancing local government revenue; and

WHEREAS, also active at the national level of NAHB, Ms. Ritter served as chairman of the Executive Officers Council in 2009, co-chair of the NAHB National Membership Committee in 2000, and a member of the NAHB Executive Committee in 2000 and in 2009, and she was a founding member of the EO 20 Club; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving in her current position, Ms. Ritter was vice president of industry relations from 1990 to 2000 for Smart House, an NAHB-related initiative; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, she received the HBAT Past Presidents' Special Award for her "dedication and loyalty to the home building industry" in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ritter began her illustrious career in home building as a member of the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County, Michigan, while working as a marketing consultant for the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company; and

WHEREAS, Susan Ritter has compiled an admirable record of achievement that sets a standard for others to emulate; she is admired and respected by her colleagues, who speak glowingly of her as a woman of "calm assurance" and "self-reliance" who is a "consummate professional" and "consensus builder"; and

WHEREAS, Susan Ritter continues to serve the residential construction industry with distinction as a highly effective advocate for HBAT, as well as the broader home building industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Susan Ritter on being named State Executive Officer of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders, commend her for helping make home ownership a viable option for Tennessee's families, and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.